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SUBJECT: CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN KOREA CRITICIZE PAK GOVERNMENT

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THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF SOUTH KOREA, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CARDINAL KIM, HAVE JOINED THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, A KOREAN PROTESTANT GROUPING, IN REASSERTING A RIGHT TO BE HEARD ON POLITICAL ISSUES INVOLVING HUMAN RIGHTS. IN A PASTORAL LETTER SOON TO BE READ IN ALL CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN KOREA, THE BISHOPS CONTENT THEMSELVES WITH A RELATIVELY MODERATE AND GENERALIZED STATEMENT OF THE SUBJECT, BUT IT WILL BE READ IN SOUTH KOREA, ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR HABIB, AS A DEMAND FOR MODERATION ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT. 25X1

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